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HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL$10,000,000
RESERVE FUND$ 5,750,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROP'TORS...$10,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:
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Hongkong—T. JACKSON, Esq.
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LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND COUNTY BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.
HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED On Current Account at the rate of 2 per Cent. per Annum on the daily balance.

INTEREST ON FIXED DEPOSITS:
For 3 months, 2½ per Cent. per Annum.
For 6 months, 3½ per Cent. per Annum.
For 12 months, 4 per Cent. per Annum.
T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 15th February, 1896. [31

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.
INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3½ PER CENT. per annum.
Depositors may transfer at their option balances of $100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 PER CENT. per annum.
For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 1st August, 1895. [32

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

Authorised Capital£1,000,000
Subscribed Capital.....£ 500,000

HEAD OFFICE:—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:—
D. Gillies, Esq. | Chow Tung Shang, Esq.
H. Stolterfoht, Esq. | Kwan Hoi Chuen, Esq.
Chan Kit Shan, Esq.
Chief Manager, GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.
Hongkong, 23rd October, 1893. [7

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL£1,500,000
SUBSCRIBED£1,125,000
PAID-UP£ 562,500

BANKERS:
LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT ACCOUNTS at the Rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the Daily Balance.

ON NEW FIXED DEPOSITS:—
For 12 Months.....4 per cent.
„ 6 „ 3½ „
„ 3 „ 2½ „
J. W. R. TAYLOR, Manager, Hongkong.
Hongkong, 18th December, 1895. [8

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.
HEAD OFFICE:—LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP£800,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHAREHOLDERS£800,000
RESERVE FUND£325,000

INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT ACCOUNT at the Rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the Daily Balances.
On Fixed Deposits for 12 months... 4 per cent.
„ „ „ 6 „ ... 3½ „
„ „ „ 3 „ ... 2½ „
T. H. WHITEHEAD, Manager, Hongkong.
Hongkong, 16th September, 1895. [53

Intimations.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

THE FINAL DIVIDEND for the Year 1895, at the Rate of FIFTY CENTS per Share (or Five per Cent. on the Capital of the Company), will be PAYABLE at the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK, Hongkong, on and after the 22nd Instant, on WARRANTS to be obtained from the Undersigned. Local Shareholders are requested to apply at the COMPANY'S OFFICE for their WARRANTS.
The DIVIDEND will also be PAYABLE at the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK, Shanghai, on presentation of WARRANTS there, on and after the same date.
By Order,
A. H. MANCELL, Secretary.
Hongkong, 22nd May, 1896. [856

NOTICE.

A SPECIAL SESSION of HER MAJESTY'S JUSTICES of the PEACE will be held in the JUSTICES' ROOM, at the MAGISTRACY, at 2.30 o'clock in the Afternoon of WEDNESDAY, the 27th day of May, A.D. 1896, for the purpose of considering an application from one ELIZABETH GOLDBERG for the Transfer of her Publican's Licence to Sell and Retail Intoxicating Liquors on the Premises situate at houses Nos. 90 and 92, Queen's Road West, under the sign of THE WESTERN HOTEL, to one FITZROY INGLEDEW FRANCIS REDFORD.
WM. C. H. HASTINGS, Acting Police Magistrate.
Magistracy, Hongkong, 18th May, 1896. [842

Insurances.

THE MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1824.

CAPITAL£2,000,000
TOTAL FUNDS AND SECURITY.....£2,480,053
NET ANNUAL FIRE PREMIA.....£ 757,478

HAVING been appointed AGENTS of the above Company we are prepared to accept EUROPEAN and CHINESE RISKS at CURRENT RATES.
HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 2nd January, 1896. [59

EMPRESS ASSURANCE CORPORATION, LIMITED.

FIRE AND MARINE.

WE have This Day been appointed AGENTS, and are prepared to accept RISKS at CURRENT RATES.
HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
Hongkong, 28th April, 1896. [742

NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned AGENTS of the above Company are prepared to accept First Class FOREIGN and CHINESE RISKS at CURRENT RATES.
SIEMSSEN & Co.
Hongkong, 28th May, 1895. [34

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED.)

CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000 EQUAL TO $833,333.33.
RESERVE FUND $318,000.00.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
LEE SING, Esq. | LO YEUK MOON, Esq.
LOU TSO SHUN, Esq.
MANAGER.—HO AMEI.

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the World.
HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.
Hongkong, 17th December, 1895. [43

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED$1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS, &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.
CHAU TSEUNG FAT, Secretary.
HEAD OFFICE, No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.
Hongkong, 26th May, 1894 [247

Intimations.

INSURANCE HOLIDAY.

THE Undermentioned INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on MONDAY, the 25th instant (WHIT MONDAY):—
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Agents,
CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LD.
General Managers,
HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LD.
N. J. EDE, Secretary,
UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LD.
L. KENNARD DAVIS, Acting Agent,
NORTH-CHINA INSURANCE CO., LD.
E. W. MAITLAND, Acting Secretary,
CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE CO., LD.
SHEWAN & CO., Agents,
YANGTSZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION, LD.
GEORGE L. TOMLIN, Acting Secretary,
CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO., LD.
WM. MACBEAN, Manager,
THE STRAITS INSURANCE CO., LD.
Hongkong, 20th May, 1896. [844

BANK HOLIDAYS.

IN accordance with Ordinance No. 6 of 1875 the Undermentioned BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on MONDAY, the 25th (WHIT MONDAY) and on THURSDAY, the 28th instant, the day appointed in this Colony for the celebration of the Anniversary of the Birthday of HER GRACIOUS MAJESTY THE QUEEN:—
For the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA, T. H. WHITEHEAD, Manager, Hongkong.
For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.
For the NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED, GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR, Chief Manager.
For the MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED, J. W. R. TAYLOR, Manager, Hongkong.
For the BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE, Hongkong Agency, L. SIMON, Acting Manager.
For the BANK OF CHINA & JAPAN, LIMITED, HONGKONG, CHANTREY INCHBALD, Manager.
Hongkong, 22nd May, 1896. [854

WANTED.

EMPLOYMENT as WHARFINGER, GODOWN or HULK KEEPER or SHIPPING CLERK, or where advertiser can make himself generally useful. Many years' experience in CHINA and with CHINESE.
Apply to G., c/o *Hongkong Telegraph* Office.
Hongkong, 9th April, 1896. [643

Intimations.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR	STEAMERS	CAPTAINS	TO SAIL	REMARKS
JAPAN, &c.	*Aden*	R. E. L. Hill, R.N.R.	About 28th May...	Freight or Passage. (Passing through the Inland Sea.)
LONDON	*Ceylon*	C. E. Baker	About 29th May...	Freight or Passage.
JAPAN, &c.	*Managon*	C. T. Denny, R.N.R.	About 30th May...	Freight or Passage. (Passing through the Inland Sea.)
SHANGHAI	*Kaisar-i-Hind*	C. L. Daniel	About 31st May...	Freight or Passage.
LONDON, &c.	*Mirzapore*	J. R. Lendon, R.N.R.	Noon, 4th June...	See Special Advertisement.
JAPAN	*Ancona*	W. D. Mudie	Noon, 5th June...	Freight or Passage. (Passing through the Inland Sea.)
LONDON	*Manila*	R. L. Haddok, R.N.R.	About 13th June...	Freight or Passage.

For Further Particulars, apply to
H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.
Hongkong, 23rd May, 1896. [431

THE PHARMACY.

TANSAN, TANSAN, TANSAN.

This refreshing and invigorating Table Water contains 8 per cent. more IRON CARBONATE than any Water from similar Spas.
Sole Agents for HONGKONG and SOUTH of CHINA:—
FLETCHER & CO. and CARMICHAEL & CO.
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BILLIARDS AT H.K. HOTEL. THREE PRIZES.

FRESH DAILY BUTTER

the product of the PRINCE OF WALES DAIRY COMPANY, India. This BUTTER is guaranteed PURE in of THE FINEST QUALITY.
THEHONGKONG BUTCHERY, *CENTRAL MARKET.*
PRICE, for Single 1 lbtin 60 Cents.
Hongkong, 5th May, 1895. [49

SPECIAL NOTICE.

WE are now offering the bnce of our Stock of LADIES DRAPERY and GETLEMEN'S OUTFITTING Furnishing Goods, Bedsteads, &c.,
At Half-prifor CASH.
FOR ONE WEEK ONLY.
HONGKON TRADING CO., *1, 3 & 5, AGUILAR STREET.*
Hongkong, 18th May, 1896. [834

MOUNTAUSTIN HOTEL.

1,400 FEET ABO SEA LEVEL.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS, "EXCELSIOR," HONGKONG, A. B. C. Code.
TELEPHONE, No. 35.
THE TEMPERATURE IS AT LEA 10 DEGREES COOLER THAN IN QUEEROAD,
TIFFIN AT 1 P.M.
DINNER AT 8 P.M.
ARRANGEMENTS can be made TIFFIN or DINNER PARTIES in PRIVATE DIG-ROOMS.
For further Particulars apply to
THE MANAGER, MOUNT AUSTIN HOTEL.
Hongkong, 27th July, 1895. [28

MEE CHEUNG, PHOTOGRAPHER, TOP FLOOR, OF ICE HOUSE, IN *Ice-House Road.*

IS now in a position, in his New and Com modious Premises, to eclipse, as hitherto ALL PHOTOGRAPHIC ART PRACTICED in the Colony or in any part of the Far East.
GROUPS AND VIEWS a specialty.
Hongkong, 22nd September, 1894. [6

TO SHIPMASTERS.

ENQUIRE where your FRESH WATER is obtained by the Water Boats; as FOUL WATER is the cause of much sickness on board Ship.
We are the only Water-Boat Company in Hongkong, exclusively Supplying FILTERED WATER.
Call Flag "W."
J. W. KEW & Co., STEAM WATER-BOAT CO., 18, Praya Central.
Hongkong, 9th October, 1895. [36

Intimations.

BELL'S ASBESTOS EASTERN AGENCY, LIMITED.

HONGKONG HOTEL—PRAYA.

BELL'S ASBESTOS NON-CONDUCTING BOILER COVERYING COMPOSITION is acknowledged to be the best in the East.
TESTIMONIALS referring to above may be seen anytime at this Office.
ESTIMATES given for work finished complete.
Hongkong, 13th May, 1896. W. JACKSON, Manager. [30

EXPLOSION IMPOSSIBLE.

JASTRAM'S PATENT *GOLDEN MEDAL* PETROLEUM ENGINES

OF 2 TO 12 H.P.
FOR FACTORIES AND LAUNCHES.
WORKED BY ORDINARY PETROLEUM.
Consumption of Petroleum 1 lb. per H.P. and Hour.
A Working Stationary Engine and a Launch with a 4 H.P. Engine will be shown and full particulars be given on application.
SCHEELE & CO., HONGKONG, SOLE AGENTS FOR THE EAST.
47] NO PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER REQUIRED.

NOISELESS.  SMOKELESS.

TRADE MARK. ESTD. 1864. TELEPHONE—75.

BRANDIES.

C. M. & Co. SPECIALLY SELECTED (our own bottling).
"HENNESSEY" First Quality, bottled by C. M. & Co.
HENNESSEY *** & EXSHAW No. 1.
VERY OLD FINEST LIQUEUR B.B.
OLD PALE BRANDY, 1870, R. G. & Co.
CH. TANUNDA (Australian).
CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & Co., *WINE and SPIRIT MERCHANTS.*
15, *Queen's Road,* Hongkong, 22nd May, 1896. 39

MILD MELLOW MATURED.

"CLUB" WHISKY, $11 PER DOZEN.
"SPECIALLY SELECTED" WHISKY, $10 PER DOZEN.
"SPHINX," $9 PER DOZEN.

GANDE PRICE & CO., WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS, No. 12, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.
Hongkong, 22nd May, 1896. [420

OUR GREAT AIM IS TO SUPPLY OUR CUSTOMERS WITH THE VERY BEST ARTICLE AT A LOW PRICE.
THAT IS WHY WE ARE INTRODUCING
BRAUN'S "EXPORT" BEER
PRICE:—
$10.50 per Case of 6 dozen Pints. $12.50 per Case of 4 dozen Quarts.
Cash on Delivery.
THE SEATTLE BREWING & MALTING CO., CHINA-JAPAN AGENCY.
Head Office:—8, D'Aguilar Street, Hongkong.
For price and terms apply to THE MANAGER.
Hongkong, 22nd January, 1896. [1918

FOR SALE.

G. H. MUMM & Co.'S CHAMPAGNE.

In cases of 2 doz. pints$35 per case.
do 2 „ quarts$33 „
SHEWAN & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 13th May, 1895. [803

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

GENERAL STORE-KEEPERS AND COMMISSION AGENTS.
SHIPCHANDLERY DEPARTMENT.

SIR CHAS. PRICE & Co.'s ENGINE and CYLINDER OILS.
ENGLEBERT'S CYLINDER OIL.
CRANE'S CYLINDER OIL.
VALVOLINE, CASTOR OIL, &c., &c.
TUCK'S GENUINE PATENT PACKING.
ASBESTOS PACKINGS of all kinds.
PARAGON PATENT PACKING.
ROPE, CANVAS, &c.
HUBBUCK'S PAINTS and VARNISHES.
HOLZAPFEL'S PATENT COMPOSITION, ANTI-CORROSIVE and ANTI-FOULING, for STEEL VESSELS.
SOAPSTONE ENAMEL COMPOSITIONS for HOLDS, BUNKERS and TOP-SIDES.
FRESH WATER SUPPLIED.
LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.
Hongkong, 4th February, 1896. [878

To-day's Advertisements.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER CORPS.

ANNUAL CARBINE COMPETITION ON MONDAY, THE 25TH MAY.

The Competition takes place *wet* or *fine*.

W. K. WYLIE, F. SMYTH, } Hon. Secs.

Hongkong, 23rd May, 1896. [865

INSURANCE HOLIDAY.

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WM. MACBEAN, Manager,
THE STRAITS INSURANCE CO., LD.

Hongkong 23rd May, 1896 [866

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

No. 12 OF 1896.

IN THE MATTER OF TAM CHI NAM, TRADING AS YU HING LUNG, AND LATELY CARRYING ON BUSINESS AT No. 13, JERVOIS STREET, VICTORIA, HONGKONG, AS PIECE GOODS DEALER.

THE PUBLIC EXAMINATION of the above-named DEBTOR is fixed for FRIDAY, the 29th day of May, 1896, at 11 o'clock in the Forenoon, and the said Debtor is required to attend thereat.

Dated this 22nd day of May, 1896.

ARATHOON SETH, Official Receiver.

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FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Steamship

"PEIYANG,"

Captain Th. Lehmann, will be despatched for the above Port on TUESDAY, the 26th instant, at Noon, instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SIEMSSEN & Co.

Hongkong, 23rd May, 1896. [849

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.

THE Company's Steamship

"HAILOONG,"

Captain Davis, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 26th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 23rd May, 1896. [864

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR KOBE (DIRECT).

THE Company's Steamship

"AMARA,"

Captain D. Smith, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 2nd June, at 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 23rd May, 1896. [862

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship "SUISANG,"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after Noon of the 26th instant will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into Godowns at East Point.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 23rd May, 1896. [863

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & COMPANY, LIMITED,

VICTORIA DISPENSARY,

HONGKONG.

AERATED WATERS.

SIMPLE AERATED WATER.
SODA WATER.
LEMONADE.
GINGER ALE.
SARSAPARILLA.
RASPBERRYADE, &c.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & Co.'s WATERS are made under the constant supervision of a duly qualified English Chemist and will bear comparison with the best English Manufactures.

Special terms to HOTELS, CLUBS, MESSES and other Large Consumers.

Any complaints should be addressed to the Manager.

Hongkong, 3rd May, 1895. [427

Intimations.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

ALL these are selected by our London House, bought direct at first hand, imported in wood and bottled by ourselves, thus saving all intermediate profits, and enabling us to supply the best growths at MODERATE PRICES.

PRICE LISTS, with Full Details, to be had on Application.

PORT after removal should be rested a month before use. When required for drinking at once it should be ordered to be decanted at the Dispensary before being sent out.

SHERRY.—Excellent Dinner and After Dinner Wines of very superior Vintages. All are true Xeres Wines.

CLARET.—Our Clarets, including the lowest priced, are guaranteed to be the genuine product of the juice of the grape and are not artificially made from raisins and currents as is generally the case with Cheap Wines.

BRANDY.—All our Brandy is guaranteed to be pure Cognac, the difference in price being merely a question of age and vintage.

WHISKY.—All our Whisky is of excellent quality and of greater age than most brands in the market. The SCOTCH WHISKY marked "E" is universally popular, and is pronounced by the best local connoisseurs to be superior to any other brand in the Hongkong market.

We only guarantee our WINES and SPIRITS to be genuine when bought direct from us in the Colony or from our authorised Agents at the Coast Ports.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, 10th January, 1896. [5

BIRTHS.

On the 10th inst., at the Government Quarters, Sepoy Lines, Penang, Mrs. J. FAIRLEY CARNEGY, of a son.

At the Union Hotel, Singapore, on the 14th instant, the wife of H. ZERNER, Acheen, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

At St. Andrew's Cathedral, Singapore, on the 13th of May, by the Reverend A. F. Sharp, Assistant Chaplain, SALVADOR MUSSO, of Bangkok, to KATHLEEN BLANCHE BYRNE, of Singapore.

DEATHS.

At "Sea Bank," Farquhar Street, Penang, on the 12th inst., V. C. DE OLIVEIRO, Chief Clerk, Messrs Huttenbach Brothers & Co.

At the British Consulate-General, Shanghai, on the 18th instant, MARGARET, the beloved wife of George Jameson, H.B.M.'s Consul, aged 47 years.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, MAY 23, 1896.

REUTER'S MESSAGE.

GERMAN SOUTH-WEST AFRICA.

LONDON, May 21st.

The Governor of Damaraland will have one thousand troops at his disposal when the reinforcements arrive.

The organ of the Colonial party in Berlin says that Germany will by this means acquire a position in South Africa and the Boers will indirectly receive support.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

*** MAY 25th (Whit Monday) being a public holiday there will be no issue of the *Hongkong Telegraph* on that day.

REPORT has it that cholera is prevailing now in Kedah territory.

THE annual Carbine Competition of the Hongkong Volunteer Corps will take place on Monday, *wet* or *dry*.

OUR Singapore exchanges now quote cholera and *enteric* fever deaths. Can the latter have any resemblance to bubonic plague?

THE sum required for one year's guarantee for the public weekly performance of the St. Cecilia band in Singapore has been subscribed.

IT is reported that the entire bed of the Tientsin-Peking railroad will be ready to receive the rails to be laid in a few months, probably about October.

TWO Chinese, convicted before the Singapore Assizes of being members of Secret Societies, were sentenced to eighteen months' rigorous confinement.

THE ordinary general meeting of the Straits Trading Company, Ltd., will be held at noon on Thursday, the 21st inst. The transfer books of the Company will be closed from the 13th to 22nd May, inclusive.

PERAK has now an Inventions Order and a Banishment Extension Order.

THERE were seven cases of plague to-day—three in the city, three in Kowloon, and one at Aberdeen.

El Diaro reports that the Manila Jockey Club is thinking of putting off the races until next year as the state of the course precludes running.

A REPORT has come by wire from Japan to Shanghai of the death by his own hand of Lieutenant and Commander Henry Addr, of H.M.S. *Pigmy*.—*N. C. Daily News.*

DURING one of the many squalls this morning, a steam ferry launch alongside of the Bank Wharf lost her awnings, stancheons, and smoke stack, being left a perfect wreck in appearance.

THE Mission steam-launch *Day Spring* will call alongside any vessel hoisting the answering pennant, between 9 and 10.30 a.m. on Sunday, to convey men ashore to the 11 o'clock service, returning about 12.30 p.m.

THE hearing of the arson case occupied the Chief Justice and a Special Jury all day to-day. The jury visited the scene of the fire after tiffin, and the hearing was adjourned at 4.30, until Wednesday at 10.30. The case for the prosecution is not yet finished.

ACCORDING to the *Sin-wen-pao*, the British Minister was received in Imperial audience in the Wenhoutien on the 7th instant. This was the Hall used for the first time for a foreign audience on the occasion of the Empress Dowager's birthday in November, 1894.

THE British steamer *Tennyson*, 1315 tons, from Nagasaki to Hamburg, put into Manila on the 19th instant on fire. Every assistance was rendered by the Governor, troops being lent, and it was reported that night that the vessel would be ready for sea again in a couple of days.

THE Postal Authorities notify that Monday, the 25th inst., being Whit Monday, the Post Office will be closed, except from 8 to 9 a.m. Correspondence for the Peak and Kowloon may be posted up to 9 a.m. The Night Box will be left open. The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

OWING to the outbreak of plague at Swatow, that port is notified to be infected. All vessels arriving from Swatow will be put in quarantine and detained for nine days from the date of departure from Swatow, or from the date of the last case of the said disease on board, or until released by the Health Officer.—*Penang Gazette.*

SAYS the *Straits Times*, anent the reduction of the sentences on the officers of the *Hohenzollern* for spying:—The fine of $100 is, perhaps, rather a heavy one, seeing that the defendants are practically acquitted of any evil designs, but it is smaller than has been lately inflicted on Americans and Russians who have not been so successful in establishing their guiltlessness.

THE Nippon Yusen Kaisha, head office Tokio, intimate that they have now opened a branch at 9 and 11, Fenchurch-avenue, E.C., London, under the management of Mr. Z. Ogawa. The first steamer of the new European line, *Tosa Maru*, left Moji on the 25th March, and on arrival in London will commence loading outwards at Middlesbrough in June, completing at Antwerp. The loading brokers are Messrs Shaw, Adams & Co., and the Antwerp agents are Messrs Eliffe & Co.

HIS Majesty the King of Siam arrived at Singapore on the afternoon of the 13th inst., from Bangkok, and was visited on board by the Siamese Consul. On the 14th the *Maha Chakkri* entered the harbour with the royal ensign at the main, and was saluted by the men-of-war present, all of whom manned the yards in his honour. His Majesty was visited by his Excellency the Governor, and the visit was returned by his Majesty later. The King was expected to leave for Java on the 22nd.

COMPLAINTS reach us, says the *Shanghai Mercury*, from time to time regarding the working of the British Post Office at this port. The delivery of mail matter, occasionally of important private correspondence, is sometimes delayed for no apparent reason; and we direct the attention of the Postmaster-General in Hongkong to the subject. Our own French mail papers reached us in several instalments, the first of which came to hand last evening, and the last not until after tiffin time to-day. There is possibly something wrong with the sorting arrangements in the South.—Of course our very own official Postmaster-General will pay no attention to this complaint. "No Enquiries will be made" is the standing rule here. What else can our Shanghai contemporary expect if it will trust to the Hongkong Office?

THERE was great commotion yesterday afternoon in the village Taihang, at the back of the Polo grounds, when a large python was discovered. Polo practice was quickly suspended and the ladies and gentlemen assembled went to see the sight. Inspector Duncan, of the Wanchai Police Station, was quickly on the spot and proposed to lasso the monster, but it was only after a gun and pocketsful of cartridges were at hand that the assembled multitude would allow him to approach the snake. Then a loop on the end of a bamboo was passed over its head and drawn tight and very quickly his snakeship was sick and allowed his tail to be tied to the other end of the bamboo. Then, on the shoulders of two coolies, the python, which measured twelve feet long and thirteen inches in girth, was escorted to the station by the guabearers, polo players and hundreds of noisy Chinese. There the snake was killed and the carcass sent to the City Hall Museum, where it was to-day the centre of attraction as an example of Hongkong's products.

IT is advertised that creditors of the Singapore Hotel Company, Limited, in liquidation must send in details of their claims before a specified date to Mr. W. J. Napier, 10, Collyer Quay, Singapore, the liquidator of the Company.

A CORRESPONDENT, new to the heat of India, writes to an Indian contemporary from an up-country station that in case the heat should carry him off he hopes that his "boss" will inscribe on his tombstone, "Overdone, thou good and faithful servant."

THE big cargo of Cardiff coal on board the four-masted full-rigged German ship *Peter Rickmers* has been sold to the Russian Government. The *Peter Rickmers* left Singapore on the 15th for Nagasaki to turn it over to the Russian men-of-war of the Pacific Squadron.

IT is with very great regret that we (*N. C. Daily News*) have to announce that the long illness of Mrs. George Jamieson terminated yesterday (18th) in her death. No lady in Shanghai was better loved or more respected, or better deserved to be loved and respected; and the deepest sympathy is felt for the husband and children she has left.

THE genus shipping clerk has always a keen zest for a joke at a rival's expense. One of the fraternity tells a good yarn against a Singapore shipping firm. It appears that they shipped a lot of goods by a sailing ship; and the necessary document was endorsed thus: "Please do not stow near engines or boilers." The mate courteously replied, "We don't carry such things aboard this ship."

BETWEEN the German Imperial Government and the New Guinea Company there have been negotiations to take Kaiser Wilhelms Land as a Crown colony. The New Guinea Company has applied large sums for its own purposes, and does not feel any inclination now to deal also with Kaiser Wilhelms Land. The negotiations are not yet closed, but it is probable that the Reichstag in its present session will be engaged with the subject.

THE Rotterdam Court delivered judgment on the 15th April in the suit brought by the North German Lloyd Company against the owners of the British steamer *Crathie* for the sinking of the steamer *Elbe*. Defendants were sentenced to pay 556,500 florins damages, and interest at 7 per cent. on that sum dating from the 2nd March, 1895. The *Hamburgische Börsenhalle* casts ridicule upon the contemplated attempt on the part of "a diver from Breslau" to salve the cargo of the sunken steamer.

M. McLeavy Brown, of the Chinese Customs service, who now has control over the Korean finances, was, says a home paper, more known in China a few years ago than of late. Mr. Brown was at one time in the consular service in China. More than twenty years ago he was attached to the Burlinghame mission to Europe, which created some stir in the West at the time. Subsequently he joined the Chinese Customs. Mr. Brown is known to be a man of great ability, and his relegation while in the Chinese service to remote and unimportant posts has always been a mystery save to those who understand something of what passes behind the scenes in Peking.

THE appeal in the case Kinson *v.* Playfair was to come on this month. A reversal of the verdict will be asked for on the grounds first of misdirection by the judge in regard to malice; secondly, of the verdict being against the weight of evidence; thirdly, of the damages being excessive and vindictive. The possible result would seem to lie between three events. The judges might upset the verdict on the ground that there was no evidence; they might reduce the damages as being excessive and vindictive, in which case the plaintiff would be able to apply for a new trial; or they might simply order a new trial. Of course they may also reject the appeal *in toto*.—*Public Opinion.*

A CORRESPONDENT points out in the *Globe* that the statement that the Indian Regiment at Hongkong is wholly composed of Sikhs is a grave error. He says:—"The Hongkong Regiment is composed of Punjabi Mahomedans, of whom, I am told, a large number are Awans from the Rawul Pindi district. I need only ask you to refer to the *Monthly British Army List*, in which you will see that every native officer of the regiment is a Mahomedan. I was at Sialkot—the Musketry School of the Bombay Presidency—when this fine regiment passed through *en route* to Bombay to embark for Hongkong, and I did not see any Sikhs." Can any of our local officers throw any light on this subject?

AYOSTASE is the name of a new substance discovered by a German chemist. It is a remarkable compound substance and has some curious properties, among which is that of solidifying under the influence of heat and again becoming liquid at temperatures below the freezing point. It is the only substance which possesses the property of liquefying when cool and becoming solidified when hot; for although some substances like albumen harden at a slightly high temperature, they cannot be brought back to a liquid state even under the influence of a very low temperature. Full details of the composition are lacking. It is said to be made by mixing equal parts of phenol, camphor, and saponine, to which is added a rather smaller quantity of turpentine.

THE facts that have come to light bearing upon Teuku Umar's treachery in Acheen show what a narrow escape from peril befel the Dutch at Kota Rajah. The *Batavia Nieuwsblad* says that, so blind was the confidence of General Weykerhoff, the Governor of Acheen, in Umar, no belief was attached to repeated rumours that the chieftain would turn traitor. Report has it that even a warning from the Governor-General was disregarded. Umar, it now turns out, intended to carry out his treacherous plans while co-operating with the Dutch troops in an attack upon Lambrak, an Achinese stronghold. Umar's intention was to march out with the troops, and, when the latter were fairly on the way, he and his men would turn back and fall upon the Dutch headquarters, under guard then of only one hundred men. He reckoned upon easily mastering the small garrison, and upon thus placing the Dutch troops within two fires. At the last moment, on the march, the Governor, becoming suspicious, ordered Umar to start before the Dutch. Umar, finding that he had been partly found out, and knowing that he had gone too far to turn back, saw at once that his only course was to go over with the money and the rifles supplied him.

THE price of land in Province Wellesley is rising. The increase is stated to be probably due to the good harvest obtained last year, and to the rise in price of cocoanuts.

PROFESSOR: "What's the difference between idealism and realism?" Varsity Girl: "Idealism is when you contemplate matrimony." Prof: "Yes, and realism." Girl: "You get that afterwards."

THE Perak Financial Report for 1895 notes that the General Farmer of Revenue there has, from the 1st January, 1895, to the 31st December, 1897, the exclusive right of manufacturing and selling port wine of local manufacture, in consideration of the payment of $3,500 per annum.

ALTHOUGH the *Grafton*, first-class cruiser, Captain W. des V. Hamilton, has received her full complement of 544 officers and men, she will not be ready to leave Chatham for the China Station until about the end of May, owing to the extensive repairs which must be made. The topmast is also to be lengthened by twenty feet for signalling purposes.

THE Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Nethersole Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:—

Colonial Government	$300
W. G. Humphreys & Co.	25
Gibb, Livingston & Co.	25
W. D. Graham	20
J. Kennedy	10
Sr. Don José de Navarro	10
Hon. R. Murray Rumsey	10
Ed. Osborne	10
Hon. A. M. Thomson	5
J. A. Clarke	5
Cottam & Co.	5
Fung Tang	5
J. G.	2
M. H. Katrak	2

HERE is an amusing story told by "the Look-out Man" in *Fairplay* in the latest issue to hand:—This question of buying steamers wholesale reminds me of a well-known character in London, a manufacturer, with a large export business in chemicals for the Continent. Difficulties were raised by the Steam Company carrying his goods of a nature likely to interfere with a valuable contract. On this the old gentleman came to town, and as far as I can remember, his description of his action was as follows: "Them General Steams" he said, "is fools, and I wasn't going to be put about by them, so I came to town first thing on Monday morning, and I hired a broker. That wasn't a tough job, as there is always plenty of them gentlemen on the feed, and I says, 'Mr. Broker, how's steamers to-day?' 'Oh,' says the broker, 'they're cheap.' 'Well, then,' I says, 'buy me some.' 'Some?' says he. 'Some,' says I. 'How many?' says he. 'Oh, three or four, to begin with,' says I." I do not know how many my friend bought, but he provided for the safety of his contract, and then ran the steamer business in connection with what he called his "wan and horse account," which, he stated, was very profitable.

RORAIMA, THE MYSTERIOUS.

Among the many objects of interest that have been brought to light by the Anglo-Venezuelan dispute there is, perhaps, none that claims quite so much attention from the scientific world as the so-called Mountain of Roraima. Situated in the southwestern corner of Sir Robert Schomburgk's alleged boundary between British Guiana and Venezuela, this wonderful geographical phenomenon, although long known, has elicited but little interest. In point of fact, however, it is a veritable scientific Sphinx, the message of whose riddle has come down intact and unread from far geological epochs to the present time. This stupendous mountain, or isolated tableland, which the native Indians called "Roraima," or, the mysterious, rises high in solitary grandeur above the surrounding mountain system, its perpendicular rocky sides rendering it absolutely inaccessible to the foot of man or beast. Crowning this impregnable fortress of nature is a tract of territory estimated to contain upward of 140 square miles. Unlike other inaccessible mountain summits of the world, this elevated region is no mere wilderness of snow-capped ridges. On the contrary, all the indications, including the positive evidence of the telescope, point to its being covered with forests, intersected with river, fed from lakes, and to possess a climate that must, in the nature of things, be temperate—that is, neither wintry, despite its altitude, nor tropical, despite its equatorial position.

SINGAPORE AND ITS GOVERNOR.

We do not think that the Governor will be inclined to make any of the constitutional concessions, fairly moderate though they be, which were embodied in the recent letter from the Committee of the Singapore Branch of the Straits Settlements Association. These, it should be mentioned, are virtually a reiteration of claims made originally in 1887 when the new Municipal Bill was first laid before Council. Two things have aided since then to cause certain objections to the functions of the President and the Governor, of whom the President may be a mere tool, to lie in abeyance. First, we had for most of the time an exceptionally fair-minded Governor, Sir Cecil Smith, who was careful not to use his powers in a direction contrary to the spirit of Municipal administration. Secondly, we have had, for a considerable part of the time at least, a Municipal President, Mr. Gentle, whose career in that post has shown him as a consistent guardian of the ratepayers' interests and rights, and not to have laid himself in any way open to a charge of obsequiousness to the Governor's control. Mr. Gentle was himself the first Secretary of the Straits Settlements Association at the time of his accepting the Presidentship, Mr. T. Scott, now the President of the Straits Settlements Association was himself a previous Municipal President, while again Mr. J. P. Joaquim, now the Vice-President of the Straits Settlements Association, was President of the Singapore Municipality at the time when the original Municipal Bill was introduced in 1887. Within the past year the community has been able, for the first time, to realise how inquisitorially mischievous the control of the Governor may prove to be, when inspired by strange misconceptions of Municipal administrative ideals. As to where the experience of Municipal work lies, and the familiarity with the varied details of Municipal business, it is safe to assert that individually the Governor's judgment is of little worth compared with the collective experience that has so often found itself, unhappily, of late opposed to the Governor. Whatever be the result of the latter to the Governor, and no one expects much practical result therefrom, it is of value, as an opportune vindication of the true principles of Municipal Government, and it is, moreover, a well-timed condemnation of a system of overruling interference that has repeatedly stultified the careful deliberations of the Municipal Commission, and degraded the Commissioners individually into the role of mere inept puppets, whose collective opinions were beneath notice and respect.—*Singapore Free Press.*

THE GRIEVANCES OF HONGKONG.

About this time last year a petition from the leading bankers, merchants, and citizens of Hongkong, praying for a larger measure of representative Government, was read in the ear of the House of Commons, and underwent the fate which most of such documents incur. The petition was injudiciously worded, in some respects, as it pointed to the "free election" of representatives—which would not work in a community so heterogeneous: representatives will have to be selected in such colonies as Hongkong and Singapore, for a long time to come. To ask for an unofficial "majority," too, in the Legislative Council was perhaps going a little far: the concession of an "equality," which Lord Ripon was disposed to grant, should satisfy reasonable aspirations—at any rate as a working experiment. Subject, however, to those reservations there was no reason that we can perceive why the prayer of the petition should not be granted. The petitioners fully and explicitly recognised "that, in a colony so peculiarly situated on the borders of a great Oriental Empire, and with a population largely composed of aliens whose interests and sympathies largely remain in that neighbouring empire, special legislation and guardianship are required." Nor were they "so unpractical as to expect that unrestricted power should be given to the local legislature, or that the Queen's Government should give up the paramount control of a dependency" which is a frontier fortress and naval depôt as well as a commercial emporium. All they asked was the right to manage their local affairs, and control the expenditure of the colony where Imperial considerations were not involved; and such an addition to the unofficial element in the Legislative Council, and such introduction of that element in the Executive Council, as might suffice to ensure those results.

Mr. Whitehead had opportunities of urging these views personally at the Colonial Office, and had reason to hope that concessions would be made. It is natural that he should be disappointed at the delay, and he is not ill-advised, probably, to express that dissatisfaction in public. As Mr. Chamberlain is not likely to be less liberally disposed than his predecessor, the inference is that the thing has been lost sight of; and that a fresh stir may be required to get it out of the pigeon-hole into which it dropped during the change of Government last June. The alternative supposition, that the goodwill of the Colonial Office has been damped by adverse opinion in Hongkong, is so little creditable to Sir William Robinson that we prefer to dismiss it, in favour of the first. His own experience during his tenure of office must have tended to convince him of the support and assistance unofficial members of the community are in a position to afford the Governor at every turn. Practical business men, they know how to grapple, practically and sensibly, with any business that may come before them; in touch and sympathy with the community, they act, naturally, as intermediaries and channels of explanation between governors and governed. There is no more certain method of exciting dissatisfaction in an Englishman than to refuse him an adequate voice in what he considers his own affairs; and no more practical way of making the machine work smoothly than to consult him and keep him informed. Half the differences that arise in this world arise out of misunderstanding. A course of action that may be desirable in the light of information the Departments possess, may appear incongruous and distasteful to the community from whom such information is withheld. Opposition springing from the latter feeling may seriously hamper the Executive arm, when the assurance that their representatives had been consulted and satisfied—as evidenced by their vote—would conjure opposition at once. Legislative Councils after the model of those existing in Hongkong and Singapore are good enough for early days; but both colonies have now reached a stage at which they are entitled to a further move. Hongkong would be satisfied, probably, for the present, with such an addition as would equalise the number of official and unofficial members. This would still leave the casting vote in the hands of the Governor; and that backed by the power of veto at home would surely be a sufficient check.

The tendency of officials to officialism is one of the most curious forces psychology betrays. It seems to involve a conception that laymen are built in another mould. That an official training is desirable for certain official work is logical enough; but what malign influence can be inducing the Government of Hongkong, for instance, just now, to reduce the unofficial element on the Sanitary Board? What specific virtue can there be in the official element in such a case? If ever good service was done, it was done by the unofficial element during the course of the plague. It was an occasion that called for promptitude and business-like decision; and the work to be done was well done. Yet, before the crisis is well over, officialism is trying to recover control. Not long ago, certain Government property estimated to be worth $21,000 was sold for $5,600; and Mr. Whitehead, in Council, asked why? One would have thought, as our Hongkong contemporary remarked, that the Government would welcome an opportunity to set itself right with the public in such a case, and avert any possible suspicion that might be engendered. The Governor and Colonial Secretary seem to have combined, on the contrary, to browbeat the questioner in a way that gave natural annoyance to those whom he represents. Questions of the kind need irritate only when there is something to conceal, and displays of irritation are certain to persuade the public that there is something wrong. Bribery and favouritism are phases of public life that have, happily, been left behind; but mismanagement still survives; and the probable inference from the official attitude will be that the Government feels it has made a *bévue*. Mr. Chamberlain has given evidence of a desire to deal with our colonies in so large a spirit, that we cannot conceive that he will be disposed to deal narrowly with the petition of Hongkong for certain extensions of powers to manage its own concerns. He has directed, for instance, the appointment of a Commission to inquire into commercial matters, in Hongkong itself; and we trust that when he has leisure to turn from the absorbing questions that have lately been engaging his attention elsewhere, he will see reason to view sympathetically the desire of the community to possess, in local matters generally, the "say" which he has invited in that respect.—*L. & C. Express.*

PROPOSED HOME FOR THE AGED AND INFIRM.

The Right Rev. L. M. Piarroll begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations for the Hospicio do Coração de Jesus (Home for the Aged and Infirm):—

Already acknowledged	$2,975
A. G. Rozario, Esq.	50
D. Musso (Italian Consul)	25
A. de Silveira, Esq.	25
A friend	25
P. M. A. Grace, Esq.	5
C. Dannenberg, Esq.	5

NEWS BY THE FRENCH MAIL.

LONDON, April 25th.—

THE CHINESE MINISTER.

The Chinese Minister has returned to London from the Continent.

GOVERNOR SIR WILLIAM MAXWELL.

A telegram from Cape Coast Castle states that Sir William Maxwell, the Governor, left for England on board the steamer *Bakana* on 18th April Mr. F. M Hodgson, Colonial Secretary, is acting as Governor during Sir William Maxwell's absence.

CONSULAR APPOINTMENTS.

It is notified in the *Gazette* that the Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint William Joseph Kenny, Esq., to be Her Majesty's Vice-Consul at Tokio. Her Majesty has also been pleased to approve of Mr. Antony Klobukowski as Consul-General of France at Calcutta.

MACHINERY IN SIBERIA.

By virtue of a newly-issued Ministerial rescript, the exclusive right of importing foreign merchandise duty free into Siberia, by way of the Kara Sea and the Yenesei, is granted to Captain Wiggins for an indefinate period.

ACCIDENT TO THE DUKE OF FIFE.

The Duke and Duchess of Fife were riding with Mrs. L. Rothschild and Mrs. L. Sassoon, in Ashridge Park, Leighton Buzzard, on 20th April when the Duke's horse stumbled over a tree stump and its rider had a bad fall. The Duke was taken without delay in a carriage to Ascott, and Dr. Pratt, who was called in, found that he was suffering from the effects of a shaking and strain of the muscles of the left leg.

ARMOUR PLATES FOR RUSSIA.

The Russian Government has recently accepted a group of armour plates from the Carnegie Company, after a very satisfactory trial at the Indian Head Proving Ground. The armour was manufactured under a contract for 1,100 tons made some months ago. Of the total bulk 350 tons are of 5in. thickness, 350 tons of 10in., and 400 tons of 14in.

DUELLING IN GERMANY.

Baron von Kotze, who shot and killed in the recent duel the Baron von Schrader, and was sentenced to one year's fortification, the day after the duel left the German territory to all appearance for Italy. As his departure was permitted, it is thought that he has not lost the sympathies of the Emperor.

GERMAN CONCESSIONS IN JAPAN.

Mr. Orr-Ewing on the 20th April asked the Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs whether he had any information to show whether Germany, on lately signing the treaty with Japan which was signed by Lord Kimberley on behalf of Great Britain, had obtained certain concessions for German subjects in Japan which English subjects did not receive, and also certain concessions which would encourage German to the detriment of British trade.—Mr. Curzon.—I have not yet seen a copy of the Commercial Treaty recently concluded between Germany and Japan, and I cannot, therefore, say whether its contents are of the character indicated in the question. But, in any case, this country would secure, under the most favoured nation provisions in our own treaty, the benefit of any independent concessions granted to Germany or any other power.

NANSEN'S WHEREABOUTS.

The report of Nansen's return from the North Pole has kept the world in suspense for more than two months. It now turns out to have been unfounded. The inhabitants of Ust Yansk, the lonely outpost of civilisation on the shores of the Arctic Ocean to the east of the Lena whence the news was said to have come, know nothing of Nansen. Natives who were in the New Siberian Islands as late as November last saw no traces of the *Fram* or of her daring crew, though Nansen, if he returned by the way he came, would probably make for the stores left for him on these islands by Baron Toll. The trader Kuchnareff, who sent the original message which the official, Kandakoff, then transmitted to an expectant world, was, unhappily, not at Ust Yansk to answer questions, but his friends said that he got his information from old newspapers. The whole story was therefore a pleasing fiction, and probably no one will be more surprised than its author when he hears that his little imaginative effort has created so great a sensation.

TROOPS FOR THE CAPE.

Mr. Chamberlain, replying in the House of Commons on the 17th April to Sir E. Ashmead-Bartlett, announced that a battalion, which will be the 1st Middlesex Regiment, and a body of cavalry or mounted infantry is to be dispatched as soon as possible to South Africa. This movement is connected with the decision of the Government to make a permanent increase of the garrison of the Cape—a step which has been urged upon them by the military authorities, who are of opinion that the present garrison is not adequate for the defence of the dockyard and coaling station. Mr. Chamberlain added that the Government are decidedly of opinion that, except in case of the greatest emergency, Imperial troops are not the best suited to put down a native insurrection, which can be most promptly dealt with by local forces. There is an ample supply of men and arms at present in South Africa, and the only difficulty is in connection with transport and the provision of the horses.

THE GERMAN-JAPAN TREATY.

The Federal Council at Berlin discussed the commercial and consular treaty between Germany and Japan on the 23rd April and referred it to the proper committee.

THE ALLEGED RUSSO-CHINESE TREATY.

Mr. Moon on the 23rd April asked the Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs whether his attention had been called to the text and terms of an alleged treaty between Russia and China, whereby the latter power, in addition to granting commercial facilities to Russia, conferred the right to use ports, recruit forces, build barracks and coal depôts, lay a branch line through Kirin and Manchuria to Tailenwan, occupy and fortify various positions, including an island near Tailenwan, establish depôts for stores, and maintain garrisons in such positions; and whether he could give any information on the subject to the House.—Mr. Curzon: Rumours of such an alleged treaty have appeared and have been discussed in the newspapers, but Her Majesty's Government are in possession of no reliable information on the subject.

Naval and Military.

APPOINTMENTS.

The following appointments have been made at the Admiralty:—Lieutenants R. Huddlestone and S. A. Hickley, to the *Grafton*, to date April 18th. C. V. Hardcastle, to the *Grafton*, to date April 21st; Assistant Engineer, W. M. Whayman, to the *Grafton*, to date April 21st; Probationer Assistant Engineer, R. A. R. Meiklem, to the *Grafton*, to date April 21st.

OBITUARY.

Admiral W. Cornish Bowden died on 18th April at Newton Abbot after a prolonged illness, aged seventy. He served on the *Cornwallis*, flagship of Sir W. Parker during the Chinese War 1841-42, and was present at the taking of Chinkiang fort.

JAPAN'S NAVY.

The magnificent model of the twin-screw, armoured, barbette battleship *Fuji*, 12,500 tons, 14,000-horse power, built by the Thames Ironworks and Shipbuilding Company, has been lent for a short time to the Museum of the Royal United Service Institution, Whitehall.

THE P. & O. FLEET.

With the two additional vessels recently ordered from Messrs. Caird the work in hand or ordered at Greenock for the P. & O. Co totals 32,500 tons—three mail steamers, each of 8,000 tons register, and a twin-screw cargo steamer of 8,500 tons, and collectively representing a money value of close upon £1,000,000. Very shortly the fleet of the P. & O. Company will approach to nearly 300,000 tons.

HEAT IN STOKEHOLDS.

The official report of the Surgeon-General of the United States Navy calls attention to the high temperatures attained in the stokeholds of some of the new ships, as much as 170 degrees Fahrenheit being reached in the *Cincinnati*, while on the upper platform of the engine room the temperature was often 135 degrees. With reference to this a naval correspondent says he can remember in 1868 the temperature of the stokehold of H.M.S. *Basilisk*, an old paddler on the China station, was 180 in the hot weather.

MORE RUSSIAN STORES FOR THE EAST.

The Russian Volunteer Fleet cruiser *Nijni Novgorod* left Odessa on 13th April for Wladiwostock with 750 men. In addition to garrison stores, war material, and stock for the Siberian Railway, she took ten 10-inch breechloaders, as well as upwards of 2,000 projectiles for these guns. Heavy ordnance (according to an Odessa correspondent) is being frequently conveyed from the Black Sea through the Bosphorus to Wladiwostock, and there must now be a considerable number of heavy guns collected at that place.

ECONOMICAL STEAMING.

The thirty hours' trial of the *Renown*, battleship, shows that her most economical rate of steaming is three-fifths of her full natural draught engine-power, at which she made a speed of over 15 knots, the vessel being ballasted to give her the same draught, 26ft. 9in., as she will have when in commission fully completed for sea service. The mean results of the trial were:—Steam, 13715; vacuum—starboard, 27·8in.; port, 26·8in; revolutions—starboard, 85; port, 88.6; indicated horse-power—starboard, 3,143; port 3,044; total, 6,187; air pressure, nil; speed, 15·3 knots. The coal consumption was 1·881b. of coal for each indicated horse-power per hour; the coal stowage capacity at load draught is 800 tons.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

(*From Ceylon and Burmah papers.*)

LONDON, May 1st.

A disastrous colliery explosion occurred at Micklefield, near Leeds; seventy miners are entombed; their rescue is considered hopeless.

May 2nd.

Lord Wenlock has been presented with the freedom of the City of York. In a speech made on the occasion, his Lordship dwelt upon the importance of railway extension in India, and praised the excellent work done in the Madras Presidency in this direction.

The column from Salisbury, with which Mr. Cecil Rhodes is, has defeated the Matabeles near Gwelo, killing thirty of them.

At the trial of Major Lothaire, the Public Prosecutor withdrew from the case after the evidence for the defence.

MASSOWAH, May 3rd.

The whole Italian force is advancing in three columns with a view to relieving the Adigrat garrison.

PESHAWAR, May 4th.

Lieutenant Stevens, 20th Punjab Infantry, was stabbed and dangerously wounded on the Peshawar railway station on Saturday morning last by a man calling himself a Shinwari; the would-be murderer was seized immediately and will be tried at once.

LONDON, May 4th.

Telegrams exchanged from April 20th to May 2nd between Sir Hercules Robinson, Dr. Leyds, and Sir Jacobus de Wet show that the Transvaal expressed uneasiness owing to report of troops being massed at Mafeking, which where destined for the invasion of the Transvaal. Sir Jacobus de Wet proposed a joint commission of enquiry, in order to satisfy the Transvaal. Sir H. Robinson declared Sir J. de Wet's proposal preposterous, and he showed the reports to be without foundation.

The case of Dr. Herz has been settled at Bow Street Police Court. The Magistrate decided that no grounds for extradition existed.

The English newspapers comment in indignant terms on the acquittal of Major Lothaire and declare the matter cannot be allowed to rest there.

TEHERAN, May 4th.

The name of the Shah's assassin is Mirza Mahommed Reza. He is a follower of Djemaleddin, and has confessed and named eight accomplices.

Great Britain, Russia, and Turkey have recognized Mozaffer as the Shah of Persia.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 5th.

Notwithstanding the semi-official denial regarding the line to Herat the *Svet* confirms the statement that the line is to be laid from Merv to Kushk, with the northern terminus ninety-four miles from Herat.

LONDON, May 5th.

The London papers denounce the farcical nature of Major Lothaire's trial.

In the House of Commons Mr. Chamberlain asked Mr. Labouchere to postpone until Thursday a question arising from the publication of the cipher telegrams, the key to which was found in Dr. Jameson's baggage, and notably regarding the complicity of Messrs Cecil Rhodes, Beit, and Harris. Mr. Chamberlain read a telegram from Sir Hercules Robinson, in which he stated that he had not the slightest hint of the Jameson raid, which came as a bolt from the blue. Mr. Chamberlain said he placed implicit confidence in Sir Hercules Robinson's statement.

Mr. Merriman, a member of the Cape Council, has brought forward a motion in the House of Assembly that an address be sent to the Queen to consider the revocation or alteration of the Chartered Company's Charter.

The publication of the text of telegrams showing the Chartered Company to be gravely involved in Doctor Jameson's raid has caused much sensation.

The *Daily News* quotes the speech made by Mr. Chamberlain on the 31st December, pointing to the revoking of the British South Africa Company's Charter if it should be proved they were implicated in the raid.

The *Times* observes that, although Mr. Cecil Rhodes may be answerable, it does not necessarily involve the condemnation of the Chartered Company.

May 6th.

Seventeen cases and eleven deaths from cholera took place at Alexandria yesterday.

MASSOWAH, May 6th.

Advices from the front state that there is much talk in the Dervish camp of the rebel Dali, who is threatening El Obeid.

LONDON, May 6th.

The statement current that Mr. Chamberlain was telegraphing to Mr. Cecil Rhodes at Gwelo is officially denied.

The following is the result of the Chester Cup:—

The Rush	1
Baddiley	2
Rockdove	3

The *Times* recognises Russian influence on the northern frontier of Persia, but observes that large British interests exist in Southern Persia, wherein British influence must remain paramount. The *Times* foresees the necessity of a strategic and commercial opening-up of Beluchistan by roads and railways similar to the Russian system in Central Asia.

Mr. Rhodes's column has met with resistance from the Matabeles, and a column has been despatched from Buluwayo to render assistance.

The Indian Parliamentary Committee wrote to Lord George Hamilton urging him to exempt from duty all cloths made in India, or imported, which contain no yarn higher than twenties. Lord George replied, reciting at some length his reasons for declining to disturb the recent equitable arrangement.

CONSTANTINOPLE, May 7th.

The Cretan Reform Committee have refused to accept the offer of amnesty. The Governor of the island has postponed it until the August meeting of the Cretan Assembly.

LONDON, May 7th.

Mr. Labouchere's question relating to the complicity of Mr. Cecil Rhodes and Messrs Beit and Harris in Dr. Jameson's raid has been postponed until to-morrow.

The death is announced of Cardinal Galimberti.

May 8th.

Mr. Hawksley, Solicitor to the Chartered Company, cabled to Mr. Rhodes at Gwelo on the 4th inst., that owing to the altered situation in Rhodesia, the Board hesitate to accept his resignation, and they ask what Mr. Rhodes's view is. Mr. Rhodes cabled on the 6th to let his resignation wait, "as we fight the Matabele again to-morrow."

ROME, May 8th.

At to-day's sitting of the Chamber, Signor Sermoneta made a speech in which he rejected all idea of the evacuation of Massowah, and said the question of Kassala would be solved, in conformity with Italian interests solely, without forgetting friendly ties with Great Britain.

LONDON, May 9th.

A telegram from Yokohama states that Japan and Russia are negotiating for joint action in Korea, the chief point being the King's return to the palace, upon which Japan insists, the disposal of troops, and the transfer to the Japanese of the telegraphs in Korea.

In the House of Commons last night the Transvaal debate took place. Mr. Chamberlain concurred in condemning the policy indicated in the cipher telegrams, which caused so much sensation; but said that men like Mr. Rhodes had made the Empire, and his proper place was in Africa, where he could best atone for the past. It was untrue that he thought of recalling Sir Hercules Robinson. He proposed, when the pending trials were concluded, to appoint a Committee of both Houses of Parliament to examine the whole situation.

THE DANGERS AROUND BULAWAYO.

Not for many years has such a state of chaos existed in South Africa. About Buluwayo the Matabele seem to be massing in considerable numbers, with the object, it is supposed, of attacking the town. In the Transvaal, apart from the political differences, there exists a general mistrust of another invasion, and we are told that the concentration of troops at Mafeking has caused the appearance of a Boer commando on the borderland. The position in Bechuanaland and the Protectorate generates feelings of uneasiness, while at the Cape itself a condition of unrest prevails, giving rise to rumours of racial difficulties which it was confidently supposed were removed for ever when Mr. Rhodes and Mr. Hofmeyr joined forces six years ago. From Rhodesia, however, comes the welcome news that the former Premier of Cape Colony has left Salisbury for the scene of action, and it may be assumed that when he arrives at Buluwayo and takes over the command much of the present alarm will disappear. The town itself seems in no immediate danger, while it has been found possible to make sorties for the purpose of dispersing the rebels. The real danger consists in the number of natives who have been allowed to remain in the place under British protection, and should they rise the situation will be one of extreme danger. Meanwhile we are all in the dark as to where the relief parties are, and it would, perhaps, allay public anxiety if some news of their whereabouts could reach this country. Indeed, the lack of official information both in respect to the movements of the reinforcements and the position of affairs in the Transvaal is much to be regretted.—*Post.*

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA.

The third annual general meeting of the shareholders was held on 21st inst. at Winchester House, Sir Alexander Wilson presiding. In moving the adoption of the report and accounts, the Chairman said:—

The period under review—the year ended December 31th last—could not be said to have been a very brilliant one in the annals of Eastern banking, and he thought that the exchange banks had had to face a period of small margins, which, perhaps, they had never been called upon to deal with previously. Taking the balance-sheet before them, and its debit side, the only change under capital was that 110 of the B shares which were not taken up at the time of the reconstruction of the bank had during the year been applied for, and, by permission of the liquidators, had been assigned to the holders of the shares in the old bank for the amount in question. That brought the B capital up to £369 812. There was a considerable increase in the fixed deposits as compared with the previous year. In the conditions now ruling in the money market, this was, perhaps, not so much a matter of congratulation as it would be in more normal times, but he thought it was satisfactory as showing that the confidence of the investing public in the bank was steadily growing, and he might mention that the increase had occurred in spite of the fact that, in common with many other institutions, they had reduced the rate of interest allowed. On the credit side of the balance-sheet, the items of cash in hand and bullion required no comment, excepting so far as they showed that the bank kept itself amply provided with funds to meet all possible calls; and he might also remind them that all their assets were held in sterling at the exchange of the day. The fluctuations of exchange, therefore, no longer affected their bank, and all their assets were in a perfectly liquid condition, excepting the item of £72,651, being the amount still unrealised of the assets of the old bank which were taken over. This item showed a reduction on the year of nearly £21,000. The price at which the realisations had been made in the accounts submitted had been at a rate fully equal to the valuations put upon them, and the board were therefore able to repeat that the securities held against this item were sufficient to cover the amount, and leave a small surplus to compensate the bank for "nursing" these securities—a process which had been going on for three years. Passing to the profit and loss account, he stated that the expenses of management showed a reduction of £3,000. The net profit, including the sum brought forward, amounted to £14,818. The interim dividend for the half year on A shares and the further distribution now proposed would take £9,375, and the dividend on the B shares would absorb £7,396, leaving £8,047 to be carried forward. He trusted that they would consider the statement fairly satisfactory. Speaking for his colleagues and himself they were very glad to have been able to see their way to declaring a dividend on the B shares. Taking into account the many points of uncertainty connected with exchange banking, and the great advantage of having some reserve behind them, they would have liked, had they alone been concerned, to further strengthen the bank's position by applying the amount proposed to be distributed on the B shares to increasing the sum carried forward; but the money was available, it had been fairly earned, and therefore the directors had felt justified in dealing with it. Mr. Campbell (the chief manager) had returned from a visit to the Eastern branches, and reported that he was quite satisfied with everything that was going on there. He concluded by moving the adoption of the report and the payment of the dividends mentioned.

Mr. J. A. Maitland seconded the motion.

In answer to a question the Chairman stated that it was solely in the interests of the shareholders that the directors thought it better for the present not to apply for a Stock Exchange quotation.

The motion was unanimously adopted.

THE STRAITS TRADING CO.

The following is the report of the Directors to the members of the Straits Trading Company, at the meeting of the Company held on the 21st instant:—

Your Directors beg to submit the accounts for the six months ending the 31st March, 1896; being the second half of the business year 1895-96. The net profits amount to $154,683, which including $74,916 brought forward from the previous half year, leaves $229,600 for appropriation. Your Directors recommend:—1.—That a dividend of 9 per cent. be paid to the shareholders, absorbing $112,500, and making, with the interim dividend of 6 per cent. distributed in November last, 16 per cent. for the year. 2.—That $50,000 be put to reserve fund, which will then stand at $200,000. 3.—That $10,000 be transferred to local insurance and guarantee account, raising it to $55,164. 4.—That a bonus of about $12,000 be paid to the employés of the Company. 5.—That the balance of $45,100 be carried forward to new account. The satisfactory results of the past year must be attributed:—To the large and increased business attracted by the Company's policy to pay full prices for ore. To the efficiency of the Pulo Brani Smelting Works and cheap coal. The low price of tin has affected the Company's business in so far as it has reflected on the miners and consequently on the Company's outstanding advances, but liberal provision has been made for this, and although the tin industry is passing through a severe crisis, the Company's business for the new year has commenced with good prospects. The Director to retire by rotation is Mr. A. Cadonan, who is eligible and offers himself for re-election. The auditor, Mr. A. J. Gunn, retires from office and offers himself for re-election.

H. MUHLINGHAUS,
Chairman.

COMMERCIAL NEWS.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

Hongkong, May 23rd.

Mr. Erich Georg in his *Weekly Share List* issued at noon to-day states:—

There is not much improvement to note; business has been anything but brisk, and only a few stocks, notably Unions, Indo-Chinas, and Douglases, show any material change in rates.

BANK SHARES.—A few Hongkong and Shanghais sold at 185 per cent. prem. cash, but a quieter feeling set in during the week, and a parcel of 50 shares sold at the low rate of 186 per cent. prem., delivery 30th of June. Further offers to buy at that and slightly higher rates, and equivalent rates further ahead, have not been successful, and the market closes much stronger with cash buyers at 185 per cent. prem. The London rate remains £42. No business in Bank of Chinas or Nationals, which remain utterly neglected.

MARINE INSURANCE SHARES.—Unions experienced a further rise, and $222½ has been paid for shares, at which rate no shares are obtainable now. China Traders sold at $79½. North Chinas, Yangtszes, and Cantons without change and business. Straits sold at $28½ cash, and at $30 for 30th September next, and are in demand at $28½ for cash.

FIRE INSURANCE SHARES.—A few Hongkongs sold at $335; but more are obtainable. Chinas has been negotiated at $93 and $93½, closing with sellers at the latter rate.

SHIPPING SHARES.—Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat shares sold in fair quantities at $34 for cash and $35 for 31st August, and continue in good demand. Indo-Chinas ruled rather weakish through the greater part of the week, with sales at $67, $66, and $66½ cash, also at $69 for 31st August, but on Thursday evening a strong inquiry set in, owing to a telegram having been received from London stating that a dividend of 8 per cent. would be proposed at the forthcoming meeting. Shares sold yesterday morning at $70 for 31st August, but $70 has been paid since for cash and end of the month, and a further inquiry for the stock exists. China and Manilas sold in small quantities at $67½. Douglases sold at $55 to $57 cash, and equivalent rates on time, and close very strong with a tendency towards higher rates. China Mutuals without further business.

REFINERIES.—A fair business has been done in China Sugars at $115 to $116 cash, also at $118½ to $119½ for 31st July and 31st August; shares are wanted at $116 cash, and equivalent rates on time. Luzons sold at $61 and $60½, closing steady at $61.

MINING STOCKS.—Punjoms have ruled fairly steady at $15½ to $16 for ordinaries, and $3.90 and $4 for preference shares, with a fairly extensive business going on; the closing rates are $16 and $4 respectively. The mail, just in, is expected to bring letters from the mine about the expenses connected with the cyanide works, and much will depend on the news in this respect; from what I can learn from reliable private sources, the expenses will be small. Charbonniges have been inquired for, I hear, but no sales have been made public. New Balmorals have advanced to $22½ sales and buyers; this is caused by a fresh offer received from London for the Balmoral and the Olivers property together of £20,000 cash and £50,000 in shares in a Company to be formed in London. This offer is under consideration, but it will be difficult to apportion the amounts offered to the two Companies for which the offer is made, and it may fall through again, or at any rate it may be some time until a definite decision can be arrived at, as the shareholders of the Balmoral Company may have to be consulted on the offer to be made to them by the Olivers Freehold Mines; the shares of this latter Company are in steady demand, and the new B issue, on which $1 has been paid up, are in demand, and have been sold at $1.40 per share. Raubs sold at $5½ ex dividend, supposed to have been declared on the 8th instant, and are offering. Telebus fetched $2.80 and close weak; the report has been issued, and states that the output for the half year ended 13th February, 1896, is 3,929 piculs ore against 3,404 piculs for the previous half-year, and against 4,047 piculs ore and 276 piculs tin for the corresponding or last half of 1894. Outstanding advances (after writing off $11,620 as bad and doubtful) amounted to $10,935. After paying all charges, writing off the cost of prospecting, and making an allowance of $2,085 for depreciation of houses, plant, furniture, &c., there remains at the credit of profit and loss account a balance of $1,492.42, from which the directors propose taking $938 to be placed to reserve fund, bringing that fund up to $10,000, and carrying forward the sum of $554.42 to new account. The cost of the development of the Mailwun concession during the half year, amounting to about $27,000, is carried forward as an asset, totalling now $15,190 expended so far on that property.

DOCKS, WHARVES, AND GODOWNS.—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks sold at 182 to 184 per cent. prem. cash, and are in demand; a sale at 187 per cent. prem. for 30th June and 193 per cent. prem. for 31st August is also reported. Hongkong Wharves sold at $46½ and $47, and are wanted at latter rate. Wanchais and New Amoy Docks unchanged.

LANDS, HOTELS, AND BUILDINGS.—Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company's shares sold at $72, $71½, $71, and $71½, and close strong with buyers at the latter rate. Hongkong Hotels sold at $33 to $33½ and continue in demand. Humphreys sold at $9½ and $9½. Other stocks under this heading show no change.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Green Islands fetched $15, at which rate more shares are wanted, holders demanding higher figures. A. S. Watsons sold at $13 and $13½ cum div., and close steady at $12½ ex div., paid yesterday. Hongkong Electrics found purchasers at $6.90 and $6 85; there are sellers at $6 90, but at $6½ a good many shares could be placed. Hongkong Ropes are offering at $119½. In Fenwicks a fairly large business has been transacted at $25, 42½, $25, and $25½, the stock closing firm with buyers at $25½. Ices changed hands at $108.

SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MAILS DUE:

Tacoma (*Strathleven*) 25th inst.
American (*City of Peking*) 29th inst.
Canadian (*Empress of China*) 2nd prox.
German (*Prinz Heinrich*) 2nd prox.
American (*Doric*) 9th prox.
Tacoma (*Tacoma*) 13th prox.

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THE Ocean Steamship Co.'s steamer *Achilles*, from Liverpool, left Singapore for this port this morning, and may be expected here on or about the 29th inst.

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THE Agents (Messrs. Gibb, Livingston & Co.) inform us that the "Ben" line steamer *Benlomond*, from Antwerp and London, left Singapore yesterday for this port.

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THE Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s steamship *Empress of Japan*, from Hongkong 20th inst., arrived at Shanghai at 7.30 a.m. to-day, and left again at 6 p.m. for Nagasaki, where is due to arrive at 6 a.m. on Monday.

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THE Imperial German Mail steamer *Prinz Heinrich*, carrying the German mails with dates from Berlin to the 4th inst., left Colombo for this port yesterday, and may be expected here on or about Tuesday, the 2nd prox.

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SHIPPING RETURNS.

From 6 p.m. yesterday to 6 p.m. to-day.

ARRIVALS.

Pakling	steamer,	from	Singapore.
Martha	"	"	Saigon.
Oceanien	"	"	Europe.
Zafiro	"	"	Manila.
Sulsang	"	"	Straits.
Halloong	"	"	Coast Ports.
Fushun	"	"	Canton.
Mount Lebanon	"	"	Portland.
Petrarch	"	"	Saigon.
Hongkong	"	"	Haiphong.
Canton	"	"	Shanghai.
Clam	"	"	Shanghai.
Comdr. T. H. Allen	ship	"	New York.

Aggregating 20,691 tons register.

DEPARTURES.

Afghan	steamer,	for	Moji.
Maria Jabran	"	"	Shanghai.
Sunghiang	"	"	Amoy.
Tsinan	"	"	Shanghai.
Peiyang	"	"	Shanghai.
Oceanien	"	"	Shanghai.

Aggregating 8,221 tons register.

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The British steamship *Zafiro* left Manila on the 20th instant, and had light westerly to south-south-east breeze and fine weather. Near Hongkong had moderate south-south-east breeze and overcast gloomy weather.

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The British steamship *Canton* left Shanghai on the 19th instant, and Swatow on the 22nd. From Shanghai to Swatow had light variable winds and fine clear weather. From Swatow to Hongkong had moderate southerly winds and overcast weather.

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The British steamship *Halloong* left Tamsui on the 19th instant, and had moderate winds and seas from north-west and dull unsettled weather to Amoy. Left Amoy on the 21st, and had dead calm and clear weather to Swatow. Left Swatow on the 22nd. From Swatow to Hongkong had freshening south-east breeze and dull cloudy weather. In Amoy the steamships *Kwongmo*, *Wuchang*, and *Moufoo*. In Swatow the steamships *Fausang*, *Hatmun*, *Tinstin* and *Lishan*.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK RETURNS.

Mascotte	in	Kowloon	Dock.
Dragon	"	"	"
Ingraban	"	"	"
Talchow	"	"	"
Kutsang	"	"	"
Albingia	"	"	"
Ess	"	Cosmopolitan	"
Wandering Jew	"	"	"

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AN EMERGENCY MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, on MONDAY, the 25th instant, at 5 for 5.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 21st May, 1896. [846

ZETLAND LODGE,
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Hongkong, 22nd May, 1896. [855

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Hongkong, 20th May, 1896. [845

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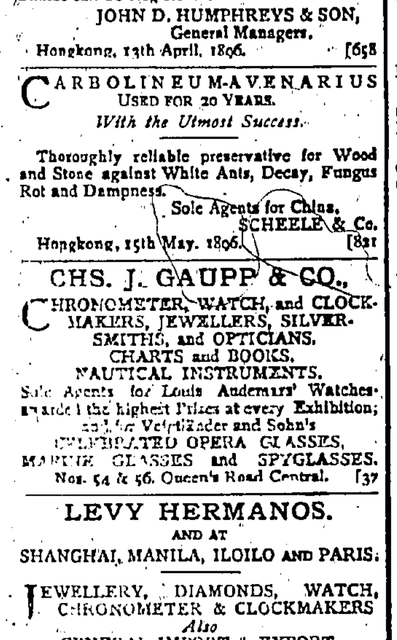
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Shipping.

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THE Steamship

"TAIYUAN,"

R. Nelson, Commander, will be despatched on MONDAY, the 25th instant, at 3 P.M.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. The First-class Saloon is situated forward of the Engines. A Refrigerating Chamber ensures the Supply of Fresh Provisions during the entire voyage.

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For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 16th May, 1896. [825

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Company's Steamship

"PAKLING,"

H. Allen, Commander, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 25th instant, at 5 P.M.

For Freight, &c., apply to
HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 19th May, 1896. [841

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship

"ULYSSES,"

Captain Grier, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 25th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 20th May, 1896 [809

"SHELL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR LONDON AND HAMBURG.

THE Company's Steamship

"CLAM,"

Captain T. Black, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 26th instant, at Noon.

For Freight, apply to
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 19th May, 1896. [814

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR TIENTSIN.

THE Steamship

"NANCHANG,"

Captain Finlayson, will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 26th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd May, 1896. [815

JAVA, CHINA JAPAN LINE OF STEAMERS.

UNDER MANAGEMENT OF THE ROYAL PACKET NAVIGATION COMPANY OF NETHERLANDS INDIA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS.
(Subject to Alterations.)
JAVA, HONGKONG, YOKOHAMA, KOBE, AMOY, HONGKONG, SINGAPORE, JAVA.

FROM HONGKONG.

S.S. *Federation* ...	To JAVA.....	May.
S.S. *Germania*.....	To JAVA.....	June.
S.S. *Castlus*.....	To JAVA.....	July.
S.S. *Castlus*.....	To JAPAN ...	June.
S.S. *Federation* ...	To JAPAN ...	July.
S.S. *Germania*.....	To JAPAN ...	August.

General Agents for China & Japan,
TAYLOR, WEGENER & Co.
Hongkong, 7th May, 1896. [393

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, SAMARANG AND SOURABAYA.

THE Steamship

"SHANTUNG,"

Captain Frampton, will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 27th instant.

For Freight, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 21st May, 1896. [831

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship

"TELAMON,"

Captain Purdy, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 5th June.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 21st May, 1896. [848

"RICKMERS" REGULAR LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR MARSEILLES, ANTWERP, BREMEN AND HAMBURG.

(Taking Cargo at through rates to RED SEA PORTS, MEDITERRANEAN and BLACK SEA PORTS.)

THE Company's Steamship

"DEIKE RICKMERS,"

Captain Seigel, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 5th June.

For Freight, apply to
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd May, 1896. [791

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"BENALDER,"

Captain Thomson, will be despatched as above early in June.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd May, 1896. 774

SAILING VESSELS.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THE 100 A. 1. British Ship

"QUEEN ELIZABETH,"

Fulton, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
SHEWAN & Co.

Hongkong, 18th February, 1896. [436

FOR NEW YORK.

THE 100 A1 American Iron Ship

"T. F. OAKES,"

E. W. Reed, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
CARLOWITZ & Co.

Hongkong, 2nd May, 1896. [762

FOR NEW YORK.

THE 3/3 L.I.I. American Ship

"LUCILE,"

Hallard, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, &c., apply to
CARLOWITZ & Co.

Hongkong, 2nd May, 1896. [763

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THE 100 A. 1. British Ship

"SOCOTRA,"

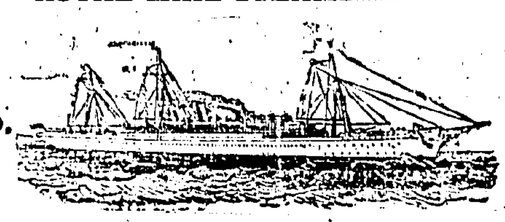
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Hongkong, 21st May, 1896. [831

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Twin Screw Steamships—6,000 Tons—10,000 Horse Power—Speed 19 knots.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

EMPRESS OF CHINA...Comdr. R. Archibald, R.N.R....WEDNESDAY, 10th June.
EMPRESS OF INDIA...Comdr. H. Pybus, R.N.R.....WEDNESDAY, 1st July.
EMPRESS OF JAPAN...Comdr. G. A. Lee, R.N.R.....WEDNESDAY, 22nd July.

THE magnificent Steamships of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12 DAYS, making close connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS of the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY leaving there daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

Passengers Booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD. Return tickets to various points at reduced rates, Good for 4, 6, 9 and 12 months.

SPECIAL RATES (First-class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan Governments.

CIRCULAR PACIFIC TICKETS Hongkong to Vancouver, Vancouver to Sydney Australia, *via* Honolulu, and Sydney to Hongkong *via* Brisbane and Torres Straits, Good for 9 months, £100.

The attractive features of this Company's route, embraces its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS, (second to none in the World), the LUXURIANCE OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS (the Company having received the highest award for same at recent Chicago World's Exhibition) and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY through which the Line passes.

THE DINING CARS and MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated by the Company, and their appointments and Cuisine are unexcelled.

For further information, Maps, Guide Books, Rates of Passage, &c., apply to

D. E. BROWN, General Agent,
Pedder's Street.

Hongkong, 20th May, 1896. [3

OCCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE;
VIA
THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS,
AND
ATLANTIC AND OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Gaelic (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu).....	Saturday, 30th May, at Noon.
Doric (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu).....	Tuesday, 16th June, at Noon.
Belgic (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu).....	Saturday, 4th July, at Noon.

THE Company's Steamship

"GAELIC"

will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, *via* NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on SATURDAY, the 30th May, 1896, at Noon. Connection being made at Yokohama with Steamers from Shanghai.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route*.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates, and particulars of the various Routes may be obtained upon application.

Special rates (First-class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, to European Officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (*or vice versa*) within one year, will be allowed a discount of 10 per cent. *This allowance does not apply to through fares for China and Japan to Europe.*

All PARCEL PACKAGES should be marked to address in full; and same will be received at the Company's Office until FIVE P.M. the day previous to sailing.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to Points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Offices, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, 13th May, 1896.

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Hongkong, 14th May, 1896. [4

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NOTICE:

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SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN AND HAMBURG, PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS:
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THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.

N.B.—CARGO CAN BE TAKEN ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR THE PRINCIPAL PLACES IN RUSSIA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

Karlsruhe.....	Tuesday...	26th May.
Prinz Heinrich ...	Tuesday...	23rd June.
Prussen	Tuesday...	21st July.
Sachsen.....	Tuesday...	18th August.
Bayern	Tuesday...	15th Sept.
Prinz Heinrich ...	Tuesday...	13th Oct.
Prussen	Tuesday...	10th Nov.

ON TUESDAY, the 26th day of May, 1896, at 9 A.M., the Company's Steamship "KARLSRUHE," Captain H. Walter, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, calling at NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till NOON on SATURDAY, the 23rd May. Cargo and Specie will be received on board until 5 P.M. on MONDAY the 25th May, and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until NOON on MONDAY, the 25th May. Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than $2.50 and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in Measurement.

The Steamer has splendid Accommodation and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess.

Linen can be washed on board.

For further Particulars, apply to
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Hongkong, 2nd May, 1896. [730

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR
STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.
Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL and AMERICAN PORTS.

THE Steamship

"MIRZAPORE,"

Captain J. R. London, R.N.R., carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, &c., on THURSDAY, the 4th June, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports. This Steamer connects at Bombay with the S.S. *Peninsular*, leaving that port on the 26th June for London direct.

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed *vid* Bombay.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and Value of all Packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars apply to
H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 21st May, 1896. [431

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

City of Peking (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu).....	Sunday, 7th June, at Daylight.
China (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu)	Thursday, 25th June, at Noon.
Peru (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu).....	Sunday, 12th July, at Daylight.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship

"CITY OF PEKING"

will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, *via* NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on SUNDAY, the 7th June, 1896, at Daylight, taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route*.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of Overland Rail Routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAYS; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY, on payment of £4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding Orders FOR OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have, between SAN FRANCISCO and CHICAGO, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and other direct connecting Railways, and from Chicago to destination the choice of direct lines.

Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Service, to European Officers in the service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railways; to Havana, Trinidad and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to Points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

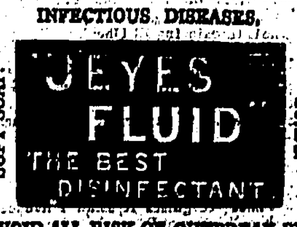
J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, 21st May, 1896. [1

NOTICE.

THE BEST PREVENTIVE OF ALL INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

SANITARY SOFT SOAP.



DISINFECTANT SOAPS.

AVOID ALL RISK OF OUTBREAK BY ITS USE.

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Hongkong, 9th March, 1896. [6

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VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN.

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HONGKONG TO LONDON $400.
Excellent accommodation. First-class Table. DOCTOR and STEWARDESS carried.

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The Railroad travelling is second to none on the American Continent. Magnificent Scenery of the ROCKY and CASCADE MOUNTAINS. The YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK ROUTE. Passengers to EUROPE may proceed by one of the first class ATLANTIC MAIL LINES.

HONGKONG TO TACOMA $225.
Rates of Passage to other Points on application.
Special rates allowed to members of Government Services.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

Braemar.....	3,601	Friday.....	June 5.
Tacoma	2,549	Tuesday ...	June 23.
Victoria	3,167	Saturday...	July 11.
Olympia.....	2,608	Wednesday	July 29.
Braemar.....	3,601	Sunday ...	Aug. 16.
Tacoma	2,549	Thursday...	Sept. 3.

THE Steamship

"BRAEMAR,"

Captain J. Porter, sailing at Noon, on FRIDAY, the 5th June, will proceed to VICTORIA, B.C., and TACOMA, Wash., *via* SHANGHAI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Japan, Pacific Coast Points, and to Canadian and United States Points.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United States Points should be in quadruplicate; and *one copy must be sent forward by the steamer* to the care of the Freight Agent, Northern Pacific Railroad, Tacoma, Wash.

Parcels must be sent to our Office (with address marked in full) by 5 P.M., on the day previous to sailing.

For further information as to Passage or Freight, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL, & Co.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, 18th May, 1896. 4

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